

Election and Response

Applicant elects Species I to which the claims shall be restricted in the event that no generic claim is finally held to be allowable.

Applicant submits that newly added independent claim 57 is generic to the three identified species.

The examiner has identified Species I as being drawn to a disk drive controller and method of multiplexing control signals for disk drives; Species II as being drawn to a method for doubling a data rate on a disk drive serial bus; and Species III as being drawn to a method for encoding additional commands in a coding standard. Applicant has identified the claims readable on the identified species, including original claims 1-52 and added claims 53-59, as follows:

Species I: Independent Claims 1, 17, 53, 55, and 57 (and dependent claims 2-16, 18-32, 54, 56, and 58-59)

Species II: Independent Claim 33 (and its dependent claims 34-43)

Species III: Independent Claim 44 (and its dependent claims 45-52)

The favor of a telephone call to the undersigned attorney is requested to resolve any issues arising out of this election or the claims added in this Amendment and to expedite prosecution on the merits.

The Director is authorized to charge the additional claims fees for added claims 53-59, including fees not otherwise paid, to Deposit Account 50-2207.

Respectfully submitted,
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